

BIO: JOSH SHORR – Candidate Forsyth County Commission (District 3)

As a father, devoted community member and successful businessman, **Josh Shorr is equipped to lead on the issues confronting Lake Lanier and Forsyth County.**

As a successful small businessman, estate planning attorney and a Certified Financial Planner, Josh is qualified to ensure our county reaches new heights while also eliminating unnecessary spending and maintaining a budget.

As a conservative leader, Josh has served the Republican Party in a variety of leadership roles. Josh and his wife Stacey co-founded the Forsyth Conservative Forum, an educational effort aimed at recruiting statewide and nationally renowned political leaders to come to Forsyth County to discuss current issues.

Josh understands how to work with local, state and federal leaders. Chosen to represent the Southeastern United States in a three-week diplomatic mission to Israel, Josh is respected by political leaders across the state and country and he is ready to bring those relationships to Forsyth County to ensure the needs of its residents are heard.

Josh has been a leader in philanthropic service. From serving as an officer of the Lanier Forsyth Rotary Club to volunteering with Hands on Forsyth, Josh has been actively engaged in giving back to Forsyth County. In 2006, Josh founded the Institute for the Study of Disadvantage and Disability annual golf tournament which has raised more than \$90,000 to assist economically challenged families with disabled children. In addition, Josh is a 2007 graduate of the Coverdell Leadership Institute and a founding member of the Conservative Leadership Coalition of Georgia.

Josh was raised on the Finger Lakes of Central New York and attended the State University of New York at Buffalo before obtaining his *juris doctorate* from Pace University School of Law. Josh and his wife Stacey have one daughter, Natalie, and reside in the Polo Fields.

I am running for Forsyth County Commission in District Three because I have the skill set and the background that will allow me to enhance the quality of life for all people in Forsyth County as well as to work with the Lake Lanier Association in furthering its commendable Mission Statement.

That mission is: “. . . to protect Lake Lanier and its watershed ensuring a clean and full Lake Lanier that enhances the lake’s economic value to Georgia. . . [and] to preserve the quality and quantity of the water for all users who rely on the lake and its watershed to enhance their quality of life.”

I have lived in Georgia long enough to truly understand how critical Lake Lanier is, not only to Forsyth County, but other neighboring Counties, our State and the entire southeast region. It is an

incredible natural resource and an economic engine that impacts us all. Not only have I lived near Lake Lanier for many years, but I grew up in another region, the Finger Lakes of New York, where water was a constant part of my life as well as an important part of that community as well.

My background equips me with the skill set I need to ensure a clean and full Lake Lanier as well as maintain its quality. As an attorney, I was part of several “Superfund” cost recovery actions and environmental remediations designed to reduce or eliminate pollution from several of the Finger Lakes.

In addition, I have worked closely with our State Delegation and several others who are involved in solving the critical “tri-state Water Wars” issue. I have always maintained that are crucial to meeting our future water and infrastrucute needs. This is something that I strongly believe must be resolved in a responsible fashion.

Not only do I have the professional experience to work with the Lake Lanier Association, but my commtiment to protecting and preserving the quality of life in Forsyth County shows in how my family and I allocate our free time. We have committed a significant amount of our time volunteering to enhance our community through such organizations as Hands on Forsyth and Rotary. It is very important to us that we leave our community a better place than we found it.

I have presented, as briefly as I could, some of the reasons why the Mission of the Lake Lanier Association is important for me to help advance. I would love the opportunity to speak in greater detail as to how I plan to fulfill this pledge.

Sincerely,

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